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The Honorable William J. Casey, Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Director, External Affairs

Dear Mr. Casey:

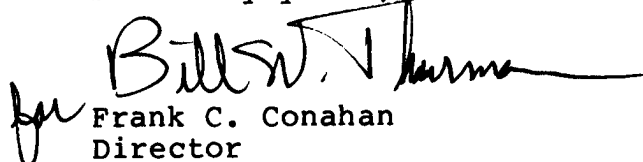
Enclosed for your review and comment is one copy of our declassified draft report entitled Nazis and Axis Collaborators Used To Further U.S. Anticommunist Objectives In Europe--Some Came To The United States. The Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary and several Members of Congress requested this report as a followup to our 1978 investigation regarding alleged Nazi war criminals residing in the United States.

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Since the Chairman has requested an issuance report date of June 30, we ask that your official comments be provided to us within 10 days from the date of this letter. To expedite this request we would like to meet with you or your staff to discuss the report and obtain your comments within that timeframe.

We are also sending copies of this draft report to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Justice, the Department of State, and the Department of Defense for review and comment. Should any questions arise during your review, or if you or your staff would like to discuss the report, please contact Mr. Thomas R. Colan on 633-1559.

Sincerely yours,


for Frank C. Conahan
Director

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Honorable Charles A. Bowsher
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Dear Mr. Bowsher:

In May 1978, your office issued a report, requested by the House Judiciary Committee, on the investigation of suspected Nazi war criminals in the United States. The report concluded that available evidence did not support the theory that there was a widespread conspiracy to obstruct probes of alleged war criminals, although there was a possibility of "undetected, isolated instances of deliberate obstruction".

At the time the report was issued, some Committee Members expressed skepticism about its conclusion in view of the fact that GAO investigators had not been given access to certain information in the files of the CIA and other government agencies. On the May 16 edition of the television program "60 Minutes", it was reported that the files of certain federal agencies -- not previously made available -- in fact contained voluminous information suggesting that there might have been a conscious effort to bring Nazi war criminals to this country in violation of our immigration laws and to protect them once they were admitted.

Clearly, if the allegations raised on "60 Minutes" are true, a great deal of vital information was previously withheld from GAO investigators, and the conclusion of your 1978 report must be called into question. Indeed, GAO employee John Tipton, the author of the report, appeared on the program and stated, after reviewing certain new information, that "it seems to be the case" that government agencies misled GAO and Congress.

In light of this, I ask you to reopen the earlier investigation and report to the Committee as expeditiously as possible any new findings.

Sincerely,


PETER W. RODINO, JR.
Chairman

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